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U.S. Lining Up Latin Puppets In Attempt To Strangle Cuba

Viva Cuba Libre!

The Cuban revolution has dared to take its own country back from the U.S. capitalists. For this "crime" all the hounds of hell have been unleashed against it.

Even now, the wolves are gathering at Costa Rica in the so-called "Organization of American States." And U.S. Big Business is egging them on against Cuba, making outrageous accusations, seeking to impose still further vicious restrictions upon the Cuban revolution.

Even now, the U.S. papers are full of charges of Soviet and Chinese *domination* of Cuba. And even now, there are a hundred little plots for armed counter-revolution—from the mainland of the U.S.—aided and abetted by U.S. capital and U.S. newspapers.

The Soviet Union's offer of armed assistance to Cuba in case of U.S. attack is regarded as Cuba's greatest sin—and given as the weightiest reason *why the U.S. should attack Cuba!*

But the U.S. has twenty or more similar treaties with nearly all the countries bordering the Soviet Union!

Whether the Soviet Union is serious about its offer to Cuba *or not*, the workers of the whole world, and above all, the workers of the United States, must also make an offer—an offer to *defend the Cuban revolution against U.S. Big Business.*

Herter Even Surprises U.S.-Owned Latin Dictators In Fury of His Attack on Cuba at OAS Meeting; U.S. Senate Threatens All Countries to Stay in Line

The so-called "Organization of American States" met this week in Costa Rica and listened to Christian A. Herter deliver a counter-revolutionary tirade against the first "American State" to declare its independence from the United States.

Herter said Cuba's "ties with the Soviet Union" were aimed at creating a base of operations "designed in the last analysis to overthrow every government in the hemisphere."

He thus warned the Latin servants of U.S. Big Business to look to the stability of their thrones throughout Central and South America.

But just in case any Latin-American stooge of the U.S. was thinking of getting out of line and responding to the pressure of his own people, the U.S. Senate took another step at the very moment that the O.A.S. was meeting.

At the same time Herter was frightening the Latin rulers with the possibility of Cuban-style revolutions against them, the United States Senate passed a law cutting off all U.S. aid to any country that dared to aid Cuba.

This same U.S. Senate just refused to give adequate medical care to the aged *in the United States*. But now it has approved, by a vote of 67 to 26, a $3,989 million amount of foreign aid to *anti-Communist and anti-Cuban* countries! Of course it could not dig up a quarter of that amount for medical care to U.S. workers who are on the scrap-heap.

And yet Herter, like Eisenhower, has the nerve to lecture Cuba about U.S. "democracy"!

Herter has the nerve to reprimand Cuba for "ties to the Soviet Union" when the U.S. even now maintains a giant naval base in Cuba against Cuba's will. He has the nerve to say that Soviet assistance to Cuba "constitutes a foreign intervention in American affairs no less than overt armed aggression."

It is the U.S. that has intervened in *Cuban* affairs for 62 years. It is the U.S. that has ruled Cuba economically all that time—and politically, too, through open representatives at one time and traitorous Cuban agents at another.

Castro spoke for all Cuba when he replied to Herter—and to U.S. imperialism—as follows:

"We no longer believe in your false democracy, murderer of Negroes... your false liberty, sower of tyrants in our continent. . . .

"We no longer believe in your hypocritical words of Justice while you exploit the wetbacks (Mexican laborers) . . . the Bolivian, Indian, Chilean workers, the Venezuelan oil worker. . . ."

The Cuban masses replied "amen" to these words.

Why Big Business Loves the Congo

"U.S. monopoly capital has actively penetrated into the Congo and now its investment there is estimated at 600 million dollars, next only to Belgium's.

"The U.S. has almost monopolized all the Congo's exports of strategic raw materials. . . .

"The United Mining Company, one of the biggest international monopoly capital trusts exploiting non-ferrous metals and rare minerals, which controls *Katanga*, the richest province in the Congo, is a center of rivalry among the monopoly capitalists of Belgium, U.S., British and French imperialism.

"The Rockefeller group in the United States and the group of British financiers interested in Africa all take active part in the frantic economic plunder of the Congo."

—*Peking Review*

Imperialists Gang Up to Control Congo Thru U.N.

The masses of the "independent" Congo are still enslaved and still rebelling against their slavery.

The slave-master, imperialist Belgium, just promised solemnly before the august and hypocritical "United Nations" to get its troops out of the Congo. Three days after this, its troops proceeded to "restore order" — by using orderly *violence*—in the province of Katanga, when those who supported the national government of Lumumba revolted against the Belgian stooge-traitor, Moise Tshombe. Those who revolted fought for *independence* from Belgium.

If ever the idea of "independence" was mocked, muddied and murdered, it was in the Congo these last two months.

The U.N. sent its troops into the Congo *supposedly* because the "independence" of the Congo was being attacked by an "aggressor"—Belgium.

But this was not the real reason for the U.N. troops at all! The troops really came to crush the Congo revolution which had broken out anew when the people discovered the sham character of their "independence."

The U.N. is not supposed to "interfere in the internal affairs of any country," according to its charter. But that is

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Full Congo Analysis In Our Next Issue

Pickets Demand UN, Belgium, Both Get Out of Congo

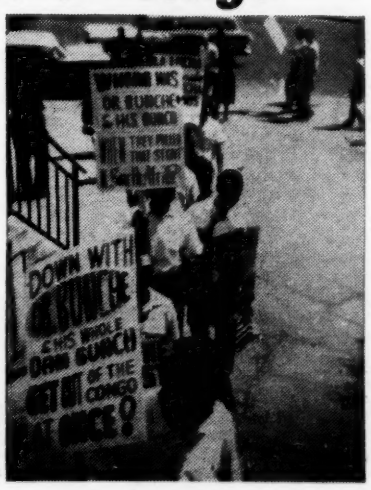
Demonstrating for Congo freedom with their feet—by picketing for many hours in the broiling hot sun before the U.N. last Sunday, about 75 people, black and white together—called for the ousting of *Belgian and U.N. troops* from the Congo.

Picket lines were organized by two separate groups—but within a short time, the two lines were united. Both groups set the protest demonstration to coincide with the Security Council Meeting of the U.N., called to discuss the Congo.

The first picket line to start marching, was organized (according to leaflets distributed there) under the auspices of the *Committee For All Nationalities Struggling For Freedom & Independence.* This is a broad committee embracing three organizations listed as *Heart of Africa Comm.*, Eloise Moore, Chairman; *21st of March Movement* (for Puerto Rican Independence), Luis Munoz, Chairman; and *New York Committee in Defense of Oppressed Peoples*, Dorothy Ballan, Chairman. In full support of the Committee's action, and participating with a sizeable delegation was the *26th of July Movement* (for Cuban Independence).

The second picket line was organized by several African Nationalist groups. It was difficult to determine exactly what were the names of the other organizations because they did not distribute any notices.

But it was a great triumph for oppressed peoples everywhere, and for everyone fighting for national independence, when the second picket line, organized by African Nationalists, agreed to have the first picket line join them, and all united in a solid demonstration for the Congolese people—and against imperialism.



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African Students: Beware The U.S. Bearing Gifts!

The U.S. State Department is paying the passage for 250 African students to come to the United States.

The African American Student Foundation raised the scholarship money, but was unable to get the funds for transportation for these Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda students. So the State Department stepped into the breach.

The State Department is the same department that makes imperialist treaties with Japan, organizes counter-revolution in Guatemala (1954), threatens Castro with overthrow and tries to impose the rule of U.S. Big Business throughout the world.

Why would this same agency want to give $100,000 for the good cause of African education?

Because by doing this, it hopes American education of Africans will help to create a bond with U.S. capitalism and facilitate the penetration of U.S. capital into Africa.

Editor's note: Since the above was written, the news has come out that the *Kennedy Foundation* beat the State Department to the draw, and already gave the $100,000.

It seems that Nixon and Kennedy are using the scholarship issue as a political football in the game of getting the "Negro vote." Nixon was behind the State Department offer, and of course, Kennedy was behind his family's foundation—!!!

Francis Powers' Sentence

Francis Powers, under orders of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency — and working at $2500 per month — made an espionage flight directly over the heart of the Soviet Union. And his trip almost got a war started in which hundreds of millions of people might have lost their lives.

President Eisenhower said he thought the sentence of 10 years confinement that a Soviet court meted out to Francis Powers, was "too severe."

Isn't it interesting how humanitarian our President can get on certain occasions?

But do you remember Jimmy Wilson, who allegedly stole a dollar and ninety-five cents about two years ago in Alabama? He was sentenced to death in the electric chair.

Eisenhower didn't get around to saying this was too severe, did he?

Or take the case of Henry Winston, who was sentenced to eight years in federal prison solely for the crime of *ideas*.

Eisenhower never said *that* was too severe. And even after Winston went *blind* in prison several months ago, neither Eisenhower nor his golf game seemed to suffer.

In fact, it was only after a large group of leading *pro-capitalist* citizens protested to Eisenhower, that he began to think the "image" of United States justice might become too cruel in the eyes of foreign peoples. Only then did he agree to *consider* the case of this man (who has already served four and a half years) for possible parole.

And think of all the people who get *lynched*, legally and illegally, in this country every year. Has Eisenhower ever thought *their* sentences were too severe? — If he has, he never said so.

Of course Powers was only an *agent*, and not one-hundredth or one-thousandth as responsible for making war or causing it as his chief, Allen Dulles, and the predatory bankers *behind* Dulles. But Eisenhower's sympathy for Powers is not because of this fact.

Eisenhower said the sentence was too severe because he was trying *to make the Soviet Union look bad.*

But if the situation were reversed — if a Soviet plane flew over the SAC headquarters in Omaha, and the Russian flyer was given ten years by a *United States* court, can't you just see Eisenhower saying the sentence was "too severe"?

MAIL BAG

So Hannibal's white!

Dear Editor:

In the past few months we have seen a lot of movies on the race question. Most of these movies have been a bold calculation on the part of the producers and makers of these movies.

Some of the movies which have appeared on the race question have been bold, stunning, calculating.—And well promoted to go far and wide into the community to reach the masses.

The movie makers will stop at nothing in their deliberate attempt to use these movies *against* the masses of people, and at the same time make millions of dollars showing movies on the race question.

We are not opposed to movies on the race question—if they are shown in the right way, with full respect to the people they portray.

The latest movie on the screen which is not giving full respect is "Hannibal." Almost everyone knows that Hannbal was a black man. But in the movie, he is white.

The reason (besides making money) that they show movies like "I passed for White," "Black Orpheus" and "Hannibal" is to tear down the struggle of the black man. And by not showing Hannibal as a great black man, they tear down black morale and they tear down black nationalism.

There should be a *committee to protect the history and culture of minority people.*

When they show movies with disrespect to these minorities, the people should pressure the movie maker and boycott the movie houses until there's a change.

E., Buffalo

"No Progress Without Struggle"

On August 10 executives of ten-cent store and variety store chains told U.S. Attorney General William P. Rogers that segregation had been ended at their lunch counters in 69 Southern communities.

Now everybody above the age of twelve knows very well that this is a direct result of the heroic sitdown movement that began this last spring.

But it seems that in 70 per cent of the above areas, there were no sitdowns or demonstrations. Some "liberals" and so-called "moderates" are saying that this proves that "greater progress can be made in a quiet and persuasive way than by publicity and action."

Everybody in his right mind must understand that the "quiet progress" and the U.S. Attorney General's successful negotiation only came about because people *fought* for it.

William P. Rogers would still be pondering the legal question of a storekeeper's right to refuse service — if there had been no struggle of the masses themselves. And every single chain and variety store would be talking about "the Southern way of life," and keeping their lunchcounters completely segregated—if there had been no struggle.

But since there *was* a struggle, the *Republican* Attorney General was forced to be a "liberal" and the jimcrow Southern Democrats were forced to permit the capitalistic chain stores to integrate.

Lesson for the masses: it is neither the Republicans nor the Democrats that create better conditions, but the force of the struggle itself.

CP Again Chooses "Lesser Evil"— Anti-Soviet, Anti-Labor Kennedy

The Communist Party leadership has again, in effect endorsed the capitalist jimcrow Democratic Party — a party which is running anti-Communist, anti-Soviet and anti-labor Senator John F. Kennedy for President!

The reason it gives for doing it is this:

The masses of the United States are in the Democratic Party. We must not be isolated from the masses. Therefore we must not oppose their voting for the Democrats although we call for mass struggles to force the Democratic politicians to give concessions once they are in office.

This is an utterly wrong, false and misleading policy. It will ultimately derail and demoralize the Communist Party members themselves.

The Communist Party election statement in the August 14 *Worker*, correctly says that both the Republicans and Democrats are equally bad.

"Any idea that one candidate is a "lesser evil" than the other this year would serve only to retard the development of mass political struggle around the issues of peace and social legislation. . . ."

"Only a sharply critical attitude toward both the Nixon and Kennedy tickets, and an emphasis on the need for struggle can serve the people's interest."

This is all very good. But the very next line says:

"However, from the viewpoint of reaching and influencing the masses of the people, it would be a still greater error to adopt a negative, defeatist 'curse on both your houses' position."

Why?

If the Democrats are just as bad as the Republicans and neither is a lesser evil compared to the other, then why *shouldn't* the workers be asked to "curse both their houses"?

Of course they should! And this is not "negative" or "defeatist." It is the ABC of workers' political education.

What good is it to tell a worker that the Republicans and Democrats are equally anti-labor, and then say that since the rest of the workers vote Democratic, he should vote Democratic, too? If the worker was convinced by the first part of your statement, he would think you were *crazy* when he heard the second part!

Maybe the great majority of workers *do* believe that the Democratic Party is not owned body and soul by Big Business like the Republicans are.

Maybe the great majority of workers *do* believe that better conditions come from the work of the "good" capitalist politicians, and not from their own working class struggles.

Is that any reason for not telling them the truth? Isn't it possible to lead the workers in struggle for better conditions against a Kennedy Administration without taking part in getting Kennedy elected? In fact, isn't it more logical to lead such a struggle if you have already clearly indicated that a vote for Kennedy, like a vote for Nixon, is a vote against the interest of the working class?

The CP statement continues:

"We should not dampen the workers' spirits, or take a 'what's the use' attitude, but rather strive to inspire and organize them for independent political activity and pressure on the issues of peace, civil rights and legislative measures reflecting the needs of workers, farmers, the youth, the aged, etc."

All very true!

But could we "dampen the workers' spirit" any more effectively than by telling them to vote for Kennedy, and then telling them that Kennedy will only give concessions if they strike against him? (Even the Republicans "give concessions" if the workers strike against them. And the Negro liberation movement proves it!)

It is the CP leaders who are taking a "what's the use" attitude, because they are afraid to *go it alone*. They are afraid of being "isolated." They are unwilling to *really* "inspire and organize for independent political activity" by the methods of class struggle and mass action.

It is out of the *class struggle* and out of the movement for Negro liberation that a new party of the oppressed can arise—and *not* out of the twisted election-machine politics of devoted, but misled radicals within the Democratic Party.

China Needs Soviet Technicians

There have been persistent reports that large numbers of Soviet technicians are leaving China. If these reports are true, they can bode no good for revolutionary China, nor in the long run, for the Soviet Union, itself.

The principal and most valuable assistance the Soviets have given to the infant Chinese giant is precisely in the field of technical aid. And this aid is still needed.

On a strictly dollars and cents basis, the Soviet Union is providing *more* aid to several *non-communist* countries than it is to China. And in fact, in the recent period, China has been reportedly sending more goods to the Soviet Union than the Soviet Union has to China.

This *may* be justified. But the fact remains that China is the real sister republic, the only other country that has gone through a historic proletarian revolution on the scale of the Russian Revolution of 1917—and won. Why does the Soviet discriminate against it?

The Soviet population needs material goods for its own well-being, it is true. But if there is anything they are easily able to export—it is technicians. The Soviet Union is now graduating about *three times as many engineers per year as the United States.*

China, on the other hand, in spite of the "Great Leap Forward," and in spite of its successful campaign to abolish illiteracy, is still *short* of technicians.

Peking Review quite justifiably boasts that 280,000 *freshmen* will enter Chinese universities this year. But this is less than a third of the freshmen entering Soviet colleges, and the population of China is three times that of Russia. It will be some years before China has sufficient technicians of its own to keep up the tempo of its "Great Leap."

The imperialists say that the Soviet bureaucracy is making the much-needed Soviet technicians go back to Russia in order to *bring pressure* on China. They say that this is a consequence of China's difference over the question of peace and war. (The Chinese leadership correctly explain that imperialism will inevitably make war, whereas Khrushchev claims that the nature of imperialism has changed and war is no longer inevitable.)

So of course the imperialists are jumping with joy. If China is weakened, imperialism will be strengthened. And if imperialism is strengthened, the Soviet Union will be weakened in the same proportion.

In Ten Years, Soviet Steel Production Has Tripled But in U.S., Steelworkers Face Declining Output

What's wrong with the steel industry?

For months after the 1959 steel strike, industry spokesmen proclaimed that 1960 would be a year of record production. Yet today, steel production is running at about 50 per cent of the industry's capacity to produce. Why can't the corporate geniuses of steel get their production out of the cellar?

Each week for the past ten weeks or so, the financial pages have reported the doleful figures on steel. And each week they have had to put off the promised upturn for another couple of weeks.

Finally in its edition of August 14, the *New York Times* sorrowfully quotes *Iron Age* (weekly spokesman for the steel industry) to the effect that an upturn in steel production cannot be seen *for some months.*

The auto, construction and canning industries were expected to save the day for steel with new orders. But the orders promise to be few and far between, says this authoritative, but plaintive report.

The crisis of steel was brought to the attention of the working people of the country when, during the week of July 3, David J. McDonald, President of the United Steelworkers of America, wired each member of Congress that "the recession is already a grim reality."

McDonald pointed out that 480,000 *of the steel union's* 1,250,000 *members are laid off or are working a four-day week.*

For these thousands, this has meant a big cut in income and the worry of not knowing if the layoffs will be permanent. For the workers still in the mills, it means fighting the speed-ups and the aggressiveness of the bosses who try in every way to take advantage of the *company's* production slowdown by putting added pressure on the remaining workers to produce *faster.*

But this crisis in steel, this present national economic downturn, is not from a temporary sickness of the capitalist system. *It is due to an organic disease.*

The accompanying chart shows the ups and downs in U.S. steel production over the past 12 years. The economic cycles of boom and bust can be seen in the steel production figures over the years. And this was in the most prosperous period of U.S. history!

(Even the effect of big strikes upon steel production cannot blot out the basic *economic* character of rises and falls in the market, etc. For example, the four-month strike of 1959—*forced by the steel companies*—was supposed to create a shortage of steel so that 1960 would be a 100 per cent production year. But it just ain't so.)

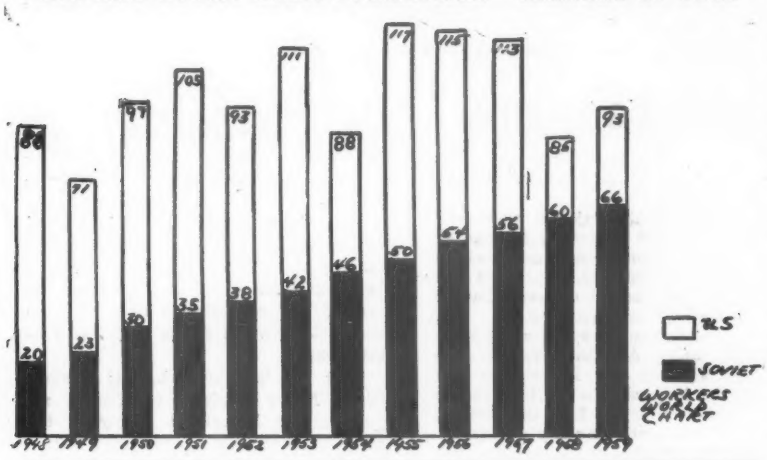
The chart also shows the steadily increasing tempo of steel production in the *Soviet Union.* This shows the superiority of the planned economy in the Soviet Union over the unstable planlessness of the capitalist system in the United States.

Note the unwavering rise on the chart. Note that 12 years ago the Soviet Union produced less than a quarter of what the United States produced. (Before the revolution, Russia produced about one-tenth of the U.S. figure.) And now it produces considerably more than half.

Depression, layoffs, or short-pay weeks are unknown to Soviet steelworkers who live in a planned economy where production is geared to what is needed.

On the other hand, in the United States, steelworkers face insecurity and layoffs, because production is geared to the making of profits, while the welfare of the workers who produce the steel is of secondary importance.

U.S. and Soviet Steel Production—Millions of Tons



A Crime Worse Than Murder *and a* Fate Worse Than Death

By Astor Van Pebblefeller

(Some people have accused us of being too one-sided in our approach to problems of the day.

Just to show how impartial and understanding we really are, we asked Mr. Pebblefeller, a multimillionaire friend of ours, to write up his thoughts on the Cuban revolution and the expropriation of U.S. business interests. We hope our readers appreciate our effort to lean over backwards in searching out the truth.—Ed.)

Cuba has committed the greatest crime known to Decent, Respectable, Western, FREE civilization.

It has violated the rights of PROPERTY.

What crime can be greater than the violation of a sacred shrine? And what shrine is more sacred than the **property** of American billionaires? What infraction of the Ten Commandments **(which didn't provide for American billionaires, due to an oversight of Jehovah—Ed.)** can compare with a crime like this?

Of course, it is always understood that governments can lie, cheat, steal, covet, kill, etc. in the pursuit of happiness for business (i.e., Big Business—Ed.).

But Cuba has gone too far! Neither the Japanese who attacked Pearl Harbor, nor the Germans who sank the Lusitania, went as far as **this!**.

The Mitsuis and Mitsubishis of Japan did not touch one penny of American investments during World War II. And the Krupps and Farbens of Germany were equally scrupulous in both World Wars.

In fact, the Japanese, German and American capitalists each had **partnerships** with each other and divided the booty of war over the corpses of their countrymen in a gentlemanly way.

But the Cubans have broken the rules. In fact, they have made two foul plays at once. First, they have ignored the fact that they **themselves** are the booty of war (the U.S. having won them fair and square in the war against Spain in 1898). And second, they have bitten the hand that **(occasionally)** fed them and have driven their master out of his **property.**

Is it any wonder that the better sort of people are shocked and dismayed at Cuba?

You didn't see many bishops, and you certainly didn't see any **archbishops,** condemning Batista's murders. Of course you didn't—because Batista was protecting U.S.-owned **property,** as he was supposed to be doing.

But you will note that the Archbishop of Cuba has condemned Castro and threatened to close down the whole Catholic Church! Doesn't that **prove** that Castro is a terrible criminal and that the Cuban revolution is equally criminal?

You couldn't expect the Church to get excited about a few thousand ordinary Cubans getting murdered or getting their genitals sliced off by Batista. But when U.S. billionaires are deprived of their hard-earned Cuban factories, surely the Church must make its position known!

Batista was a robber, murderer and torturer. Of course. And he was something of a pimp in aiding the Wall Street rape of his country.

But he was after all, a civilized gentleman. He was the kind of a person we can do business with. He **respected** U.S. property. In fact, he **worshipped the dollar.**

Everything was fine when **Batista** ruled Cuba. No expropriations. No trouble for American businessmen.

(And no dinero for Cuban workers. —Ed.)

Correction

In our last issue, we inadvertently said that the Cuban government had nationalized seven billion seven hundred million dollars worth of so-called "United States-owned property."

The real figure should have been $770,000,000, that is seven hundred seventy million. It is somewhat higher now.

Refuse to Scab

The millionaire fruit-growers of California got a spoke put in their anti-labor wheel the other day.

The Mexican government refused to send Mexican laborers to scab on a fruit pickers' strike near Sacramento.

The orchard-owners appeared in Federal Court, asking that the United States Department of Labor send Mexican farm workers to break the strike in their orchards. When the Mexican government made clear that it refused to do this, the American court refused the petition.

The American owners are now, and have been for a long time, conducting a vicious anti-labor drive. They recently had two organizers for the AFL-CIO Agricultural Workers arrested, and they have had a long history of beatings and intimidation of union workers and organizers.

The union is asking a minimum wage of $1.25 an hour.

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Vancouver Reporter

I attended a nuclear war protest meeting last week (August 5). . . . These mass protest meetings of this sort, generally are strictly petty bourgeois, and I listened to a lot of hemming and hawing by these trained stooges of capitalism who are adept at making excuses for capitalists and their barbaric wars.

But there were *three thousand people* at this particular meeting (on the anniversary of Hiroshima), and that's an awful lot for Vancouver. As the papers said, the atomic radiation expert addressed a "hushed and at times visibly shocked crowd—likely the largest protest of its kind ever held in Vancouver."

It was really an *anti-war* audience, even if it was listening to the kind of "pacifism" that paves the highway straight to war. The people really turned out to hear what could be done **to** prevent nuclear warfare and they clapped like fiends at some of the poor pinkish phrases the idiotic speakers made. It was proof indeed that the sentiment is there against nuclear warfare.

But here's the awful punch line:

The solution to atomic warfare, according to the speakers, **was atomic** *shelters*, and lots of **them.**

The boys are joking up here about elegant shelters for the elite and plain ones for the working people.

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Vancouver Labor Council just refused a political party's paid ad in the "Labor Statesman."

The Social Credit Party (a big one out here) took credit in the ad for the gains labor has made in the past ten years.

Paddy Neale, Secretary of the Council, said these gains had been *won by the labor movement* (in struggle) and the paper should not support a party which had shown itself anti-labor.

Up till now, the Council has been sort of passive and kow-towed to the political parties. But after the anti-labor legislation that Social Credit was instrumental in passing, I guess they sort of got their eyes jerked partially open.

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I went to see the Peking Opera Company last night at the Queen Elizabeth Theater. (*This company, being from China, is not allowed to enter the United States—Ed.*) It was a magnificent performance. The most polished I've ever seen.

The Nationalist Party (Chiang Kai-Shek's anti-Communists) had a picket line outside but nobody paid them any heed. The whole three days' performances both matinees and evenings were completely sold out.

The Chinese people who were at the performance went mad, they were so proud of their own people, Communists or not.

Two Chinese boys were next to me and white folks on my left. One Chinese boy clapped like mad. But one Chinese boy, although you could see he was immensely pleased with the performances, would not clap.

That intrigued us so that when he went out during intermission time, the lady on my left asked his companion why he wouldn't clap. So the lad told us that the other fellow was terrified people might think he was a Communist if he clapped. Everyone around us laughed.

But it's not so funny, is it?

Good Training

In at least one instance, U.S. "aid" has really aided the people it claimed to be aiding.

The Laotian rebel battalion which seized power from the U.S.-backed **anti-**Communist government, was led by Captain Kong Le who had just completed an American training course in how to capture cities.

Captain Kong Le received his training in Fort Benning, Georgia. Of course, he was supposed to use his training to capture cities which were held by the masses or which defied U.S. Big Business. But he used it to **oppose** U.S. Big Business and set up a regime which **defies it, and is proclaiming** Lao neutral in the Cold War.

—Faces are red at Fort Benning.

— Imperialists Gang Up

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exactly what it is doing in the Congo! The U.N. *is* supposed to oppose the aggression of one country against another (again, according to its deceitful charter). But that is exactly what it is *not* doing in the Congo!

The U.N. troops have been used *exclusively* against the Congo population and the Congo Army. Even the black troops of Ghana and the Mali Federation are disarming the Congolese just as the Irish and Swedish troops are doing.

This is because the U.N. troops, like the Belgian troops, are in the Congo to guard 4 billion dollars worth of *property* and make sure that the Congo people do not get it.

The orders of the U.N. troops are—not to use force against the Belgian troops—or against any loyal stooges of the Belgians — such as the traitor Tshombe's forces in Katanga—but to disarm Congolese troops and to "keep order" among the Congolese masses.

The U.N. troops are in the Congo to stop the Congo revolution for real independence. They are there to make sure that Congo "independence" remains just as phony as it was on June 30 when the Belgian King "gave" it.

The U.N. troops may be more effective and useful than even the Belgian troops in putting down the Congo revolution and "keeping order" because they are not so hated—*yet*—and because the people have been told the U.N. is "impartial."

The latest trouble in the Congo is the so-called "tribal" uprising in Kasai province—in reality inspired by the Belgians, and a move for secession and against the Lumumba central government.

The Belgian paratroopers, who put down the pro-Lumumba uprising in Katanga just the day before, did not fly over to neighboring Kasai. Nor did the U.N. troops, who are so concerned with "order" in other places.

But there are some capitalist statesment who are impatient with the U.N. and feel it must act still more harshly against Congo independence. Here is the advice of the right wing *New Leader*:

"The U.N. system will work only if the U.N.—or better still, the powerful Western nations who are behind this operation—uses its power to control the Congo Government. Instead of endless negotiations, the U.N. must lay down the law and teach the Congolese politicians the facts of life."

—"The facts of life" being, according to this advice, that the Congo is a slave state and it is supposed to remain one.

It is not yet clear about the *politicians*. But it is certain that the Congo *people* will refuse to learn these "facts of life."

British General Uses Ghana Troops Against the Congolese People, Too!

On August 20, the imperialist (British) commander of the *Ghana* troops of the U.N., Major General H. T. Alexander, revealed the real use of Ghana's troops in the Congo.

"The immediate and also long-term possibility of getting the Congo back to normal hinges on the re-training and and disciplining of the Force Publique (*the Congo Army*)" . . .

"As Chief of Defense Staff, I, together with two Ghanian officers only, completely disarmed the Force Publique in Leopoldville and had a plan for keeping their arms under normal military control. . . . I explained this plan to General Van Horne and said to him quite clearly that if he was weak in handling the Force Publique, the situation which has now developed would be inevitable."—*From a message to the U.N.*

Now this imperialist major general of the U.N. *and of Ghana* is not talking about the Belgian butchers. He is talking about the oppressed *Congolese* Army!

He did not disarm any *Belgian* troops, single-handedly, or otherwise. And he did not recommend retraining and disciplining for them either. The "normal" situation he wants is one in which the Congolese go back to working for fifty cents a day without revolting.

Here is a British general, trusted commander of *Ghana's* troops, and he's on the side of the Belgians. At best, he wants the *U.N.* to rule over the Congo. But you can be very sure, he does not want the *Congo people* to rule the Congo.

Why didn't Nkrumah, the famous Black Prime Minister of Ghana, *repudiate* this imperialist enemy of the Congo? Alexander is **Chief of Defense of Ghana.** Why didn't Nkrumah fire him for this treachery? Or why didn't he at least tell the U.N. that he disagreed with Alexander's statement?

Those who believe the struggle in Africa is merely a struggle of black against white will have a hard time answering these questions.

Majonde and the Leopard

Majonde, a member of the royal house of the Kumalo tribe south of Bulawayo in Southern Rhodesia, killed a leopard with his bare hands.

The leopard attacked him when he was armed only with a stick. He dropped the stick in order to grab both forelegs of the leopard, and was able to get it down beneath him on the ground.

"I swung him on his back and came down hard astride on his stomach and pinned his front legs wide apart on the ground. Sitting far back I had to lean forward with my head on his chest to prevent him tearing my back with the claws on his back paws. . . .

"I lay on the leopard for a long time trying to keep him from getting up. He chewed through both my wrists, bit right through my hands and clawed my face. I was bleeding.

"My strength had gone from my hands but my thumb was still strong and, tired of waiting for help, I squeezed his neck hard.

"At last, the leopard went limp. . . .

"I was then all blood and no strength, but the leopard was **dead.**"

Wildlife experts and game officials of Bulawayo were convinced that the story was true, but said that the feat required almost superhuman strength and courage.

Granted that Majonde was very strong, he had to show a courage he had never before shown, and perhaps never knew he had, to defeat the leopard. But he did so, even though the leopard was cunning and had sharp claws and murderous teeth.

The whole African people is like Majonde. And the imperialists are like the leopard. The African people have the courage to fight the leopard, and they are showing it every day.

Let the **leaders** of the African people show the courage in **politics** that their followers show in mass struggle!

Let the political leaders be like Majonde against the leopard when they oppose the imperialists! Let them fight hard, face death and not surrender.

True, the sharp claws and the murderous teeth will take their toll. The cunning enemy will score his points. But in the end, the revolution will win.

Like Majonde, it will beat the leopard.

"Why do they keep on hollering about elections in Cuba when they haven't figured out how to get free elections in the southern USA?"

—Robert F. Williams

Racists Threaten to Close School; Students, Profs, Ready to Fight

August 14—A Mississippi mob of 100 men threatened little Bay Ridge Christian College (enrollment: 12) to face the consequences if it did not fold up and leave the state in 48 hours.

The College was set up this year in Union, Mississippi, by the Church of God. It has six faculty members, four white and two colored. The students are all colored.

The faculty and students have sworn to "stand together and take what comes." The school president, Rev. Horace Germany, attending a church conference in Sharon, Pa., said he would fly back to Union and "be there when I expect the mob to repeat themselves."

Rev. Germany, a white native of Union, had rented a farm a year or so ago, before the founding of the college, and worked together with colored farmers and students. At that time his house was nearly burned down by racists.

A few weeks ago, a member of the State Sovereignty Commission called on him with two local sheriffs. They asked him if he was aware of the law in Mississippi forbidding Negroes to dine or spend the night in "white" homes. Germany replied that he was aware only of his right to choose his own friends and associates.

Up to now, the Church of God, a radical Christian sect, has been very militant in some areas on the question of wages, living conditions, strikes, etc., but has not gone out of its way to integrate the church. And even this new college seems to be for an all-colored student body.

But the racists in Mississippi are aroused over the radical teachings of this group, and over the fact that the faculty is integrated, and the possibility that racial equality and better living conditions for the poor people will result from this effort.

The faculty and students are to be highly commended for their resolute stand.

The mobsters of capitalist white supremacy will find it hard going when even a *handful* of brave men close ranks before them. But the mob's threats must be taken seriously, none the less. Preparations must be made to receive them properly the next time they come.

May the colored masses of Mississippi and their white allies such as Rev. Germany, soon find the means to build armed Civil Rights Defense Guards! Thus they will not only check this particular mob, but sound the knell for *all* mob rule in Mississippi.

Coffee Break

Colonel William R. Kintner, assigned to the plans division of the office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Operations, was addressing the second annual military-industrial forum:

"The American 'coffee break' is part of the philosophy of the 'free ride,' the result of **Russian ideology** spread in this country during the last twenty or thirty years," he said.

—The Colonel is no doubt opposed to that old Russian custom of the eight-hour day and time-and-a-half for overtime, too.

The average annual income in the United States is $2,200 per person, while in Latin America it is $200 per person.

They Said it "Soaked the Rich" But Now it Drowns the Poor!

The American worker is doubly robbed every day of the year. First, his capitalist boss robs him of about half of what he earns on the job *but never sees.* Then the U.S. government takes nearly one-fifth of what's left to pay the same capitalists for A-bombs, gun boats and bombers.

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But don't you believe it!

"For the man who gets non-salaried income, opportunity to escape tax burdens is almost without limit," says Frank Gibney in his recent book, "The Operators."

And he shows how, for the past 30 years, big businessmen have been busy with the aid of Congressmen, lawyers and tax specialists, shifting the load off their own shoulders. So now income taxes soak the poor!

At the same time the Federal Government reaches into every worker's pay envelope each week and takes out enough cash to feed a family, the sharpers who live on profits and dividends have found a thousand and one loopholes to dodge the tax collector.

Writing off private swimming pools and trips to Europe as "medical expenses," charging their living costs to "business expenses," and finagling with the capital gains tax (which is only *half* the tax rate on incomes, and can't touch anything beyond 25 per cent), are only a few of the ways the Big Timers operate.

The workers have no deductions but their wives and kids. The workers pay the greater part of the cost of supporting a government which the capitalists run.

In the poorest state in the Union, Mississippi, the average yearly income per person from 1950 to 1954 was $829.

In Cuba, during the same period, it was $321.

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